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EXTENDED ROAD NETWORK
LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE EXTENTION OF TWO PREVIOUSLY EXISTING ROADS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

2. LOCATION:

THIS ROAD NETWORK IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THE NEW ROAD SEGMENT, SHOWING EVIDENCE OF LIGHT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, IS AN EXTENTION OF ROUTE 548 AND HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED ACROSS THE SOUTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER AT 160355N 1072237E (UTM YC541775) AND CONTINUES SOUTHEAST INTO LAOS TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 160045N 1072540E (UTM YC598717).

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS A NEW ROAD IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING NORTHEAST FROM THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED ROUTE 548 IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AT 161415N 1071615E (UTM YC427964) TO THE VISIBLE TERMINUS OF CONSTRUCTION AT 161510N 1071800E (UTM YC458981).

NGA review(s) completed.

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REVEALS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAOS

ROUTE 165 HAS PROGRESSED TO THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. THE ROAD IS
INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED EXTENDING EASTWARD FROM THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
TERMINUS AT 152407N 1071448E (UTM YC411039)¹. THE ROAD CROSSES THE
HOUAY PAYOU (RIVER) AT 152530N 1072140E (UTM YC533065) AND CONTINUES TO
THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 152408N 1073228E (UTM YC726043).
THE SEGMENT OF ROAD OBSERVED SHOWS EVIDENCE OF LIGHT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

4. REMARKS:

ROUTE 548 IN SOUTH VIETNAM, ENTIRELY WITHIN COMMUNIST CONTROLLED TERRI-
TORY IN THE A SHAU VALLEY, HAS BEEN EXTENDED IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION
INTO LAOS. IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD
WAS ABANDONED IN APRIL 1967 AT 160455N 107230E (UTM YC539793)².

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